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An Uncommon Sense Match.

The weather had been very cold even for January. For days nobody had gone out unless compelled by necessity, and I've no doubt, our dear mother had longed many times for a change which would allow her noisy children to exercise their lungs and muscles out of doors. At last the change came. During the forenoon the thermometer indicated a rising temperature, and about midday the old woman up in the sky began emptying her feather-beds. Thick and fast the downy snowflakes fell, wrapping every tree and shrub in a garment of pure white and making even the 'atake and rider' fences, the log barns and outhouses, things of beauty which were too truly joys not to last forever. Hastily we children were clad in coats, cloaks, scarfs, mittens, and all that paraphernalia of outer garments which loving mothers provide and insist on being worn, despite the protests of the wearers. At last we were free and out upon the hill near by, where there was grand sport, sliding, snowballing, and making snow men. The afternoon slipped quickly by, the snow ceased falling, and the evening was settling down clear and cold, when upon the opposite hilltop there came in sight a farmer's box sleigh, drawn by a span of bay horses. Hastily we drove our sleds to the foot of our hill and reached it just in time for a 'hitch.' The driver of this establishment was no wise visible. The hand which guided the team seemed to be a hand but a huge wad of buckskin and yarn, and it proceeded from a sort of tower of bed-quills, blankets, buffalo-ropes, comforters, studded with a head-piece enveloped in a green and red 'Bay State' shawl. There was a little crack undoubtedly left for the eyes, but no eyes could be seen by us. Edging around a very little, but probably as much as circumstances would allow, the roll of dry goods and fur inquired if 'yon house was Squire Black's?' We replied affirmatively, and settled down the enjoyment of a ride to our own doors, during which we exchanged whispered speculations as to whom the stranger might be. When the sled stopped a committee of us reported the arrival at the house while the remainder watching the tying and blanketing of the horses and then formed a voluntary escort. I answered to a muffled rap father opened the door. 'Squire Black, I suppose?' 'Yes, sir, come in. Getting quite cold outside, said my father, eying his guest curiously. Well, yes, we've had a fearful spell of weather, and I've been on the road for the last two days of it. I see you don't know me, Squire, and I swan, my eyes were so full of frost I hardly knew you, but I reckon you'll see who I am when I get this toggery off. From the moment our visitor had stepped inside he had been engaged in unwrapping one garment after another, a process for all the world like peeling an onion. At last there stood revealed a young man of four or five and twenty years, a six-footer, with broad shoulders, face bronzed by exposure to the weather, but a goodly face to look upon, with its rather square jaw, ruddy cheeks, full smiling lips, brown hair curling over a broad forehead, and blue eyes, which answered my father's questioning look by a merry twinkle. In a moment father extended both his hands and grasped the stranger's most cordially. You are one of Aunt Anna's boys. A hearty laugh preceded the reply, 'I wasn't aered but you'd get it right, Squire, give you time enough. I'm the little Joe Tolon you taught long division by.' We knew Aunt Anna was a former landlady of father's when he was pedagogue; that she lived forty or fifty miles from us—a great distance in those days, and our interest began to flag after mother came in from the kitchen, and the conversation was continued about old neighbors of whose existence we had been ignorant. We betook ourselves to the kitchen when mother soon followed. Presently, while Joe was caring for his team, father came in, and all un-mindful of the adage about 'little pitchers said, with the air of one who must be circumspet lest his liabilities would betray him, 'Ma, what do you suppose Joe has come for?' 'I'm sure I don't know,' replied mother, compeedly stirring another handful of meat into the boiling mush which was to be the piece of resistance of our evening meal. 'He has come for a wife.' 'A wife! I did not know he was so ganted around here.' 'He isn't. He wants me to recommend him to some girl who is strong, able, and willing to work, knows how to run a house and (hesitating a little as he saw the contemptuous curve of my mo-

Beauty—a set of regular and white teeth as ever came from a dentist's hand.

the baby was too little to bring, and the numerous little Tolons grew up in regular succession, their heads mounting one above another like the rounds of a ladder. Father regularly asked Jane when she made these visits if she had come for her divorce. Jane always replied 'Not this time. I don't see but Joe and I get along as well as those who take more time for their courtship.' And Joe, who was always holding the baby while Jane 'undid' the bigger ones at the time this question was asked, would say approvingly 'That's so, Jane.' Dear me, said Jane, as leaning on Dr. Joe Tolon's arm, she threw back her widow's veil (she had worn that nearly ten years now) and wiped her glasses before 'The Heart of the Wilderness' in the art gallery last fall—dear me, Joe, that looks just like the piece of wood opposite the door of the old house when your father brought me home. I've seen the door bringing there many a time. I didn't think then it would ever be a city, but your father said it would, and now the car run over that very spot. It's been a long, long time. Joe, but the last ten years have been longer than all the rest. I have been raised to work and can hold my end with any man. I have a hundred and sixty acres of land about half cleared. There's the papers to show for it, and Squire Black will tell you there all right. 'I've a good log house, log stable, and so on. I own the horses I drove down here and a yoke of oxen besides. I don't owe any man a cent. I shall have cows and chickens when I've a wife to take care of 'em. Now, if you think you can make up your mind to marry me I'd like to ask you a few questions.' Jane said nothing, and Joe, evidently taking silence for consent, proceeded: 'Did you cook this dinner?' Still Jane was silent, but her mother answered 'yes' for her. 'Well, the Squire told me you were a good cook or I wouldn't have come here.' 'Can you make good bread?' 'A faint but rather indignant 'yes' was heard from Jane, as if he had asked if she could wash her face or comb her hair. 'Can you milk and tend to milk, butter, and cheese?' 'Yes, a little louder.' 'Can you run a house and do all kinds of housework?' The cat seemed to have gotten Jane's tongue astir, and my mother, pitying her embarrassment, replied with an exhaustive catalogue of Jane's virtues as a housewife. Then suddenly checking herself as one who had said too much or said it in a wrong case became silent, but the questioning went on. 'Can you sew?' 'Yes.' 'Can you knit?' 'Yes.' 'Can you spin?' 'Yes.' 'Are you strong and healthy?' 'Yes.' 'As you've got to saying 'yes' I'd like to go right on and ask you to have me but I'll go out and feed my horses, and you can talk with your folks and Squire Black and his wife, and give me the answer to that question when I come in.' 'I want to say first that if you agree to marry me I'll try and do the fair thing by you, and expect you to do the same by me.' 'You can always have what you can make from the butter and eggs and half the wool for your own spending. It will be very lonesome, for there won't be another white woman nearer than five miles for a while yet, and the work will be hard, but maybe not harder than you're used to. If you won't have to go day after to-morrow. The roads are very rough, and it will take two—maybe three—days to travel the sixty odd miles. It took Joe a long time to feed his team, and during his absence a great deal of talking was done. When he returned Mr. Holton stood by the table looking very sober, and there were tears in the eyes of all the women when he said, 'Joe, Jane has concluded she'll chance it with you. She's been a good girl always, and we hope you'll use her well.' 'I will, Mr. Holton, so help me God, solemnly answered Joe, and he walked over to where Jane stood and put his arm round her and kissed her. Then there was a general handshaking, and arrangements were made for the wedding next afternoon, after which Joe and his wife were to come back as far as our house and the following morning start for home. The wedding was an old-fashioned country one, and not long after the ceremony Joe's sleigh was packed with a cargo of feather beds, quilts, blankets, housekeeping goods of various kinds, and a nice cow (the pick of the herd) tied behind, for Mr. Holton would not let his daughter go empty-handed. Every second year after that for many years Jane came home for a visit. The intervening years she could not come be-

Appalling Shipwreck.

The steamer City of Columbus, Capt. Ashcroft, after striking the Pills with Water and Reels Overboard the Majority of the Load Swept Overboard. Boston, Jan. 18. F. W. Nickerson & Son, agents for the Savannah line of steamers, received from New Bedford, Mass., the following despatch this afternoon: Steamer City of Columbus ashore on Devil's Bridge, Gayhead. She is fast breaking up. About one hundred lives lost. Will leave on the early train in the morning. Saved by cutter Dexter (Sailed) S. E. WRIGHT, Master. The City of Columbus left Boston yesterday afternoon. A later despatch from New Bedford says: The following is Captain Wright's statement regarding the loss of the steamer City of Columbus—The City of Columbus left Boston at 3 p.m. on Thursday, carrying 80 passengers and a crew of 45. At 3.45 on Friday, the vessel struck on the outside of Devil's bridge buoy, the wind was blowing a gale west by north. The vessel immediately filled and leaked over, the water breaking in and flooding the port side saloon. All the passengers, excepting a few women and children, came on deck, nearly all wearing life preservers. All of the boats were cleared away, but were immediately swamped. The majority of passengers were washed overboard. Seven passengers left the vessel on a life raft, and about sixty more took to the rigging. At 10.30 a.m. the Gayhead lifeboat put off and took seven persons. Another life-boat put off between 12 and 1 o'clock. The revenue cutter Dexter came along at about 12.20 and one of whom was dead, were placed on board the Dexter. After all were taken from the vessel the Dexter proceeded to New Bedford. These persons died after going on board the Dexter. What the Figures Reveal. G. M. Everett, of Forest, says in one year one family purchased over fifty bottles of Hagar's Pectoral Balm for their own use and that of various friends. 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